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A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE PURCHASING DEPARTMENT TO PREPARE AN RFP TO COMPLETE A GOVERNMENT CONTRACTS AND PROCUREMENT DISPARITY STUDY.

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WHEREAS, the City of Chattanooga (the "City") is committed to having a broad vendor based reflecting the diversity of its population; and

WHEREAS, historically, the City expenditures with vendors have not reflected the diversity of the Chattanooga area; and

WHEREAS, the City is interested in assessing the disparate impact of women and minority owned business not fully participating in the vendor process with the City; and

WHEREAS, the City is interested in removing obstacles and believes a disparity study is the best method of removing those obstacles for women and minority owned businesses.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHATTANOOGA, TENNESSEE, That it is hereby requesting the following:

- 1. That City Purchasing Department to complete a request for proposals for consultants to conduct a disparity study which would study to assess, quantify, and evaluate the prevalence, magnitude, and extent of marketplace discrimination, if any, against minority, women, and disadvantaged business enterprises; and
- 2. That City Purchasing Department provide responses to the RFP not later than \_\_\_\_\_\_, 2016.

ADOPTED:	, 2016